

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on March 23, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Amanda Curtis, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 603, HB 582, SB 44, SB 245
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 603**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:22 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 603, Revise liquor laws to change hours, fees for micro distilleries, small brewers.

00:02:40 Rep. Funk joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony

00:04:59 Matt Leow, Montana Brewers Association (MBA)

00:06:54 John McKee, Montana Distillers Guild

00:08:05 Brian Smith, Blackfoot River Brewing

00:09:50 Patrick Kainz, Map Brewing Company

00:10:54 Ethan Kohoutek, Ten Mile Creek Brewery

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:51 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

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00:16:58 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

00:19:18 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)

00:19:58 John Hayes, Cascade County Tavern Association

00:21:36 Dax Cetraro, Self

00:23:03 Bruce McCullough, Tri-County Licensed Beverage Association

00:24:33 Kristen Cetraro, Self

00:25:12 Robert Lincoln, North Lake Beverage Association

00:25:42 Ralph Ferraro, Self

00:26:06 Maria Bachmeier, Self

00:26:29 Roger Curtis, Self

00:27:04 Tom Heisler, Self

00:27:48 Jim Johnson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

Informational Testimony:

00:33:07 Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:42 Rep. Loge

00:34:16 Matt Leow, BMA

00:35:19 Rep. Loge

00:35:37 John Iverson, MTA

00:35:57 Rep. Trebas

00:38:56 John Iverson, MTA

00:40:20 Rep. Rosendale

00:42:38 John Iverson, MTA

00:45:27 Rep. Curtis

00:46:36 John McKee, Montana Distillers Guild

00:46:41 Chair Noland

00:47:06 Shauna Helfert, DOR

00:47:25 Chair Noland

00:47:31 Shauna Helfert, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:51 Rep. Hertz

HEARING ON HB 582**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:55:10 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 582, Montana pet breeders act.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:04:25 Nanette Gilbertson, Humane Society of Western Montana (HSWM) and
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)
01:07:42 Tom Ebzery, Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)
01:08:50 Lee Bridges, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:12:07 Penny Johnson, Self
01:16:04 Florence Josephs, Self
01:17:22 Margaret Duezabou, Self
01:22:14 Janet Kosnik, Self
01:24:30 Charlotte Lauerman, Montana Veterinary Medical Association
01:26:01 Cathie Warren, Self
01:36:35 Cara Greger, Self
01:44:29 Rep. Theresa Manzella

[EXHIBIT\(buh60a02\)](#)

01:47:52 Rep. Curtis
01:48:06 Rep. Manzella
01:54:21 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association
01:56:07 Rep. Manzella

[EXHIBIT\(buh60a03\)](#) Rep. McCamey

01:56:25 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

[EXHIBIT\(buh60a04\)](#)**Informational Testimony:**

01:56:50 Todd Younkin, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:57:13 Rep. Vinton
01:58:16 Rep. Hertz
01:59:09 Rep. Gunderson
01:59:31 Charlotte Lauerman, Montana Veterinary Medical Association
01:59:48 Rep. Loge
02:00:44 Charlotte Lauerman, Montana Veterinary Medical Association
02:01:12 Rep. Loge
02:01:19 Rep. Hertz

Closing by Sponsor:

02:01:50 Rep. Hertz

HEARING ON SB 44

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:08:01 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 44, Provide process to hold patients harmless from balance billing by air ambulance.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:10:20 Jesse Laslovich, Self
 02:11:26 Chair Noland left the meeting and Vice Chair Ricci assumed the chair.
 02:15:57 Andrea Brown, Self
 02:16:03 Rep. Noland joined the meeting and resumed the chair.
 02:18:14 Rep. Pierson joined the meeting.
 02:20:20 Wayne Dykstra, Self
 02:22:11 Megan Duncan, Self
 02:27:30 Amy Thomson, Self
 02:35:44 Bob Gilbert, Montana Aviation Trades Association

Opponents' Testimony:

02:42:35 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

[EXHIBIT\(buh60a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh60a06\)](#)

02:48:28 Marilyn Bartlett, Department of Administration (DOA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh60a07\)](#)

02:53:57 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans
 02:59:27 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.
 02:59:36 Bill Bryant, Coalition of Montana Air Ambulance Providers.
 03:06:31 Brian Thompson, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority, Montana Contractors Association
 03:07:56 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 03:11:20 Ellen Stinar, Self

Informational Testimony:

03:14:49 Nancy Butler, SOA

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:15:08 Rep. Rosendale
 03:15:57 Bill Bryant, Coalition of Montana Air Ambulance Providers
 03:17:11 Rep. Rosendale
 03:17:25 Bill Bryant, Coalition of Montana Air Ambulance Providers
 03:18:38 Rep. Trebas
 03:19:38 Sen. Vance
 03:20:52 Rep. Pierson
 03:21:07 Jesse Laslovich, Self
 03:22:48 Rep. Gunderson
 03:23:51 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans

Closing by Sponsor:

03:25:53 Sen. Vance

HEARING ON SB 245

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

03:29:08 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 245, Generally revise Montana captive insurance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

03:31:28 John Huth, Montana Captive Insurance Association (MCIA)
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03:32:14 Aimee Grmoljez, (MCIA)
03:33:39 Brenda Ash, East Terrace Insurance Resources
03:35:04 Dan Stusek, Office of the State Auditor (OSA)
03:36:30 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:37:24 Rep. Curdy
03:38:11 John Huth, MCIA
03:38:31 Rep. Pierson
03:38:49 Dan Stusek, OSA
03:39:09 Chair Noland
03:39:21 Aimee Grmoljez, MCIA

Closing by Sponsor:

03:40:01 Sen. Salomon

03:40:38 Chair Noland

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:41:17

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh60aad.pdf](#))